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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJ: INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR TO SPEAK IN SOUTH AFRICA SEPTEMBER 2

1. FOLLOWING LETTER TO CONGEN WAS DELIVERED BY HAND JUNE 15
BY DR. MANAS BUTHELEZI, LUTHERAN BISHOP OF JOHANNESBURG:

BEGIN QUOTE:

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CETRAL DIOCESE OF THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, I HEREBY INVITE THE REVEREND
ANDREW YOUNG TO BE THE GUEST PREACHER/LECTURER IN THE SYNOD
WHICH WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
KWA THEMA, SPRINGS. THE DAY SET ASIDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION IS
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND 1978.

I AM CHANNELING THIS INVITATION THROUGH YOU, SIR, UNDER
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THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS IS THE PROPER THING TO DO FOR SOMEONE
IN HIS STATUS. WE ARE HOWEVER, INVTING HIM IN HIS CAPACITY
AS A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL. THE AUDIENCE WILL BE COMPOSED
OF DELEGATES FROM OUR PARISHES AND THE GUESTS WE SHALL INVTE
TO OUR SYNOD. OTHER DETAILS WILL BE FINALIZED LATER.

WE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPENSES RELATING TO HIS

AIR FARE AND ACCOMODATION.

YOURS SINCERELY, (SIGNED)

THE RT. REV. BISHOP DR. MANAS BUTHELEZI. END QUOTE.

2. BUTHELEZI SAID HE WISHED INVITE AMBASSADOR IN HIS CAPACITY AS MINISTER. BUTHELEZI'S DIOCESE INCLUDES JOHANNESBURG AND SOUTHERN HALF OF TRANSVAAL PROVINCE. IT HAS ABOUT 40 PARISHES, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES AT SYNOD WOULD NUMBER 100 PERSONS OR MORE. AUDIENCE ON SEPTEMBER 2 WOULD BE AT LEAST 200, INCLUDING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

3. KWA THEMA, VENUE FOR SYNOD, IS BLACK TOWNSHIP IN SPRINGS, 20 MILES EAST OF JOHANNESBURG, AND WOULD ACCORDINGLY BE EXCELLENT SITE FOR ADDRESS. PASS WOULD BE REQUIRED, BUT POST BELIEVES APPROPRIATE TO REQUEST AND WOULD ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY.

4. BUTHELEZI'S STANDING IN BLACK COMMUNITY REMAINS HIGH, THOUGH HE IS NOT ACTIVE IN BLACK POLITICS. HE IS STILL REGARDED BY MANY, INCLUDING HIMSELF, AS "MORAL CONSCIENCE" IN STRUGGLE TO IMPROVE LOT OF BLACKS IN THIS MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE OF RESPONSE THROUGH THIS CHANNEL.
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